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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 8, 2003,  
setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for  
response which expires on June 8, 2003, amend the above-  
captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.